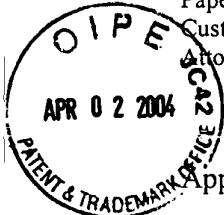


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REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.103

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that action by the Patent and Trademark Office be suspended on the above-identified plant patent application for a period of six months.

The patentability of a claim to a plant variety described in a printed publication and publically available outside the United States (as in the above-identified application) will be determined by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The Federal Circuit will hear arguments on April 9, 2004 regarding the new interpretation by the Patent and Trademark Office of 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as it relates to plant patents. Thus, Applicant requests suspension of action in the present application until the Federal Circuit renders a decision. Applicant believes that a decision will be reached within the next six months and that the decision will determine the outcome in the present application.

A check to cover the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this Request for Suspension of Action be granted.

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